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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN GRAIN EXPORT SITUATION 1976/77

1. ON JAN. 14, 1977 AGATT MET SAMU OF AGRIMPEX WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNGARIAN GRAIN EXPORT PROGRAM. HE MADE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS.

2. HUNGARY IN 1976 HAD A BAD GRIN YEAR WHEN VIEWED FROM EXPORT SIDE. WHILE PRODUCTION OF WHEAT WAS ABOUT 300,000 TONS MORE THAN PLANNED, CORN PRODUCTION WAS OFF NEARLY 2 MIL. TONS. THE PLAN ENVISAGED THE EXPORTATION OF NEARLY ONE MIL. TONS EACH OF WHEAT AND CORN, MOST FOR HARD CURRENCIES. AS A RESULT OF FALL-OUT IN CORN PRODUCTION TOTAL EXPORTABLE GRAIN FROM LAST YEAR'S CROP WILL BE LESS THAN HALF MIL. TONS. MOST WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER PART OF HUNGARY'S LONG TERM DELIVERY COMMITMENTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EAST GERMANY. SAMU SUGGESTED THAT AS FAR AS HUNGARIAN GRAIN EXPORTS GO, IT WILL BE ZERO DURING FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1977.

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3. HUNGARY TRADITIONALLY IMPORTS SOME BARLEY FOR FEEDING. DURING 1976, HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO SUCH PURCHASES. RATHER THAN EXPORT WHEAT AND BUY BARLEY ABROAD AT HIGHER PRICE, HUNGARY DECIDED TO USE MORE WHEAT FOR FEEDING THIS YEAR THAN USUAL.

4. COMMENTS. THE SHARP DROP IN CORN PRODUCTION WILL FORCE

HUNGARY TO STAY OUT OF THE GRAIN EXPORT MARKET DURING MOST OF  
1977. HOWEVER WITH A PROSPECT OF A GOOD WHEAT CROP  
(SEE SEPTTEL) EXPORT SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN, MAINLY WHEAT, MAY  
BE RESUMED DURING LATER PART OF 1977. THE SHARP DROP IN CORN  
PRODUCTION ALSO MEANS A SERIOUS LOSS OF POTENTIAL EXPORT  
EARNINGS OF HARD CURRENCIES WHICH AT CURRENT PRICES  
MAY BE AS MUCH AS \$150 MIL. OR MORE. BUCHANAN

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